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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-12 and 14-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-12 and 14-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04/02/2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to applicant's response filed on 09/18/2008.
2. Claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-23 are pending.
3. Claims 1, 4, 10-11 and 15 are amended.
4. Claims 7 and 13 are cancelled.
5. Claim 23 is a new claim.
6. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 09/18/2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dwork et al. Patent Number 6,963,946 B1 in view of Chin et al., Patent No.: US 7,274,792 B2.

Referring to claims 1, 10-11, 15 and 23, Dwork teaches a network interface system for interfacing a host system with a network to provide outgoing data from the host system to the network and to provide incoming data from the network to the host system, the network interface system comprising:

a bus interface system adapted to be coupled with a host bus in the host system and transfer data between the network interface system and

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the host system **[column 1, line 60 – column 2, line 11 and fig. 2];**

a media access control system adapted to be coupled with the network and to transfer data between the network interface system and the network **[column 13, lines 1-45 and fig. 2,** which in turn coupled with the network];

a memory system coupled with the bus interface system and the media access control system, the memory system being adapted to store incoming and outgoing data being transferred between the network and the host system **[column 9, lines 40-60 and figs. 1A and 1B];**

a security system coupled with the memory system, the security system being adapted to selectively encrypt outgoing data and to selectively decrypt incoming data **[column 14, lines 37-57 and fig. 2];** and Dwork further teaches: a descriptor management system coupled with the bus interface system and the security system, the descriptor management system being adapted to obtain initialization vector information from the host system and to provide the initialization vector information to the security system **[column 24, lines 39-67 and figs. 5D-5F].** Dwork does not appear to explicitly teach a system, wherein the security system is adapted to employ an initial random data string from the outgoing data to begin encryption before security association information has been retrieved by the security system. However, Chin teaches in FIG. 2, is a diagrammatic representation of one example of a cryptography accelerator 201. The cryptography accelerator 201 includes an interface 203 connected to a host such as an external processor. The interface 203 can receive information from

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the host for processing and send information to the host when processing is completed. In one example, the interface 203 includes a controller and context buffers. The controller derives information from data received from the host and provides the information along with context such as algorithm information, initialization values, and keys to the various encryption and authentication engines. Cryptography engine 209 can include DES engine 221 and AES engine 223 **[abstract. 4:4-17 and fig. 2]**. Dwork and Chin are analogous art because both teach encryption operation.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method of Dwork to include the controller derives information from data received from the host and provides the information along with context such as algorithm information, initialization values, and keys to the various encryption and authentication engines of Chin because a sender generates an initialization vector, identifies cryptographic keys, encrypts data using the initialization vectors and the cryptographic keys, and transmits the encrypted data in a packet along with the initialization vector [abstract], please see KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc., 550 U.S., 82 USPQ2d 1385 (2007) for further interpretation.

Referring to claim 2, Dwork teaches a network interface system, wherein the security system comprises at least one transmit security processor adapted to selectively encrypt or selectively authenticate the outgoing data **[column 14, lines 37-57 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claims 3 and 9, Dwork teaches a network interface system, wherein the initialization vector information indicates whether the outgoing data is to undergo cipher block chaining (CBC) encryption in the security system **[column 14, lines 37-57 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claims 4, 5, 17 and 20, Dwork teaches a network interface system, wherein the at least one transmit security processor selectively employs an initialization vector (IV) comprising the initial random data string from the outgoing data to perform CBC encryption according to the initialization vector information from the descriptor management system **[column 14, lines 37-57 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claims 6, 8, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21 and 22, Dwork teaches a network interface system, wherein the initialization vector information indicates a length of an initialization vector in the outgoing data **[column 24, lines 49-59 and figs. 5E and 5F]**.

Referring to claim 16, Dwork teaches a method of encrypting outgoing data in a network interface system, wherein providing the initialization vector information comprises:

reading a transmit descriptor from a host system **[column 13, lines 45-65, figs. 2, 4 and 5A-5J]**; and

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providing initialization vector information from the transmit descriptor to the security system [col. 12, lines 5-34; col. 19, lines 15-49 and figs. 1E and 2-4].

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YONAS BAYOU whose telephone number is (571)272-7610. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f,7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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